

FORUM ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Form 8-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 20, 2019

FORUM ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-35504 61-1488595
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification No.)
920 Memorial City Way, Suite 1000
Houston, Texas 77024

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 949-2500

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant’s Certifying Accountant.

On March 20, 2019, the Audit Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Directors of Forum Energy Technologies, Inc. (the “Company”), following a competitive tender process, approved the engagement of Deloitte & Touche LLP (“Deloitte”), subject to customary client acceptance procedures, as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2019, and dismissed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”) as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm, each effective immediately.

PwC’s audit reports on the Company’s consolidated financial statements as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the subsequent interim periods through March 20, 2019, there were (i) no disagreements (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions) between the Company and PwC on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which, if not resolved to PwC’s satisfaction, would have caused PwC to make reference thereto in their reports on the financial statements for such years, and (ii) no “reportable events” within the meaning of Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K, except that our internal control over financial reporting was not effective due to the existence of a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2017. As disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2018, June 30, 2018, and September 30, 2018, management did not design and maintain effective controls over the development of fair value measurements utilized in the application of the acquisition method of accounting for business combinations, and for purposes of testing goodwill for impairment. The material weakness was remediated by the Company as of December 31, 2018. Accordingly, PwC’s report on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, which was included in the Company’s Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, did not contain a reference thereto. The Committee discussed the material weakness with PwC, and the Company has authorized PwC to respond fully to Deloitte’s inquiries concerning the subject matter of the material weakness.

The Company provided PwC with a copy of the disclosures it is making in this Current Report on Form 8-K and requested that PwC furnish a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether or not it agrees with the statements made herein. A copy of PwC’s letter dated March 26, 2019, is filed as Exhibit 16.1 hereto.

During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the subsequent interim periods through March 20, 2019, neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf has consulted with Deloitte regarding (i) the application of accounting principles to a specific transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company’s financial statements or the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, and neither a written report nor oral advice was provided to the Company that Deloitte concluded was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to any accounting, auditing, or financial reporting issue, (ii) any matter that was the subject of a disagreement within the meaning of Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K, or (iii) any reportable event within the meaning of Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

16.1 Letter to Securities and Exchange Commission from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, dated March 26, 2019

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 26, 2019
FORUM ENERGY
TECHNOLOGIES,
INC.
/s/ John C. Ivascu
John C. Ivascu
Senior Vice
President, General
Counsel and
Secretary